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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of October 31, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on January 31, 2009.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.